

## The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own"

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## The U.S. Army Strings

The U.S. Army Strings provide a musical backdrop for many of this country's most notable events. Their extensive repertoire spans many genres of popular music from Broadway to the Beatles and Elvis to Cole Porter. Musical excellence combined with elegance and grace have made this ensemble a favorite means of welcoming guests to the Nation's capital for many years.

Since their inception during the Eisenhower administration, they have regularly performed in The White House for every president and an impressive list of foreign heads of state. Memorable occasions have included performing for the Emperor of Japan, the Premier of China, the Presidents of Brazil, France and Korea to name just a few.

The Army Strings have performed at Economic Summits of the Industrialized Nations at Williamsburg, Virginia, and Houston, Texas, as well as historical meetings in Egypt and Moscow. They entertained for Queen Elizabeth II, the Camp David Accords and for several Presidential Inaugurations. Recently they provided musical support for the 55th anniversary of The United Nations. The Strings also provide support for The State Department, The Supreme Court, Department of Defense and other cabinet level functions.

These elite Army musicians form the nucleus of The U.S. Army Orchestra, which expands the group's repertoire to include traditional orchestral music. In addition they also join with The Army Blues jazz ensemble to create The Army Jazz Orchestra.